

REMARKS

Claims 3 to 9 and 12 were pending in the Application at the time of examination. The Examiner objected to the drawings for failing to show features recited in Applicant's Claims 3, 7 and 12. The Examiner rejected Claims 3 and 12 as obvious over the Itoh et al. reference (US 2004/0170050). The Examiner allowed Claims 4 to 9.

Applicant has cancelled Claims 3, 7, 8 and 12, without prejudice. Consequently Claims 4, 5, 6, and 9 remain in the Application.

OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS

The Examiner objected to the drawings for failing to show features recited in Applicant's Claims 3, 7 and 12.

As shown above, Applicant has cancelled Claims 3, 7, 8, and 12, without prejudice. Consequently, Applicant respectfully submits that the objection to the drawings is now moot.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 3 AND 12

The Examiner rejected Claims 3 and 12 as obvious over the Itoh et al. reference (US 2004/0170050).

As shown above, Applicant has cancelled Claims 3, 7, 8, and 12, without prejudice. Consequently, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 3 and 12 is now moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner allowed Claims 4 to 9.

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As shown above, Applicant has cancelled Claims 3, 7, 8, and 12, without prejudice. Consequently Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claims 4, 5, 6, and 9.

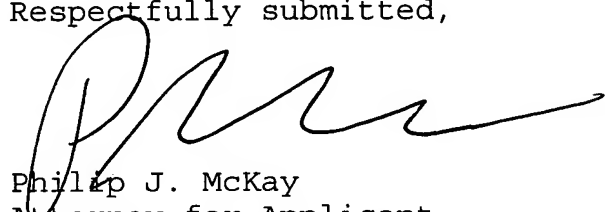
CONCLUSION


For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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